

Progress Report

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Interstate 29 (from the Missouri state line to exit 32)

- This section of I-29 was reopened to traffic Oct. 8.
- Exit 1 remains closed while repairs are made to Iowa 333 into Hamburg.
- The HESCO flood protection baskets, located along northbound I-29 near Hamburg, have been removed. The sand once held in the baskets must still be removed. It will take approximately one week to clean up all of the sand; the work is weather dependent.
- Contractors are currently working on the bridge approach paving and pile stabilization under the northbound bridge at milepost 1.4. Temporary median crossovers are in place routing the north- and southbound traffic into the southbound lanes between mileposts 0.8 and 3.2, while the bridge construction work is performed. The work is expected to be completed in November.
- An emergency bid letting is scheduled for a project involving berm stabilization around the existing bridges on I-29 at Drainage Ditch #6, located 0.4 mile south of Iowa 333 in Fremont County. See details below under the “Emergency bid lettings” section.

Interstate 29 (from milepost 55 in Council Bluffs to milepost 71 near Loveland)

This section of interstate was reopened to traffic Friday, Sept. 23.

Interstate 29 (from milepost 71 near Loveland to milepost 151 in Sioux City)

- The I-29/Hamilton Boulevard interchange was reopened to traffic Sept. 1.
- The TrapBag removal project on I-29 in Monona County near Blencoe was completed Sept. 21.
- A slope improvement project in Monona County to flatten the median and outside foreslopes between mileposts 103 and 104 was completed Oct. 12.
- TrapBags located near milepost 78 and north of Missouri Valley have been removed.
- The barrier wall and sandbags along I-680 at the I-29/I-680 interchange near Loveland were removed last week.

Interstate 680 (in Council Bluffs from I-29 to the Mormon Bridge, 3.1 miles)

- All four lanes of I-680 were opened to traffic Nov. 2.
- The 130th Street interchange (exit 1) remains closed because of necessary repair work to the adjacent local roads.

U.S. 30 (from I-29 to the Missouri River, west of Missouri Valley)

- The project to remove the TrapBags and repair the shoulders and foreslopes began Oct. 24.
- Stage 1 of the project involving removal of the bags was completed Oct. 26, ahead of schedule.
- Stage 2 involves repairs to the foreslopes and shoulders. Work started Oct. 31 and the contractor has 20 working days to complete the project. Weather can impact available working days. The work is nearly 50 percent complete.
- Traffic control: U.S. 30 is open to single-lane traffic during the daylight hours with use of flaggers and pilot vehicles. During nighttime hours, all lanes of U.S. 30 are open to traffic by using a shoulder closure.

Iowa 2 (from I-29 to the Missouri River, near Nebraska City, Neb.)

- The eastbound lanes of Iowa 2 were opened to two-way traffic Oct. 24. All ramps at the Iowa 2/I-29 interchange were also opened that day.
- All four lanes of the highway were opened to traffic Nov. 1.
- A temporary eastbound lane closure will be needed this week to finish the seeding, fertilizing and mulching.
- See details below regarding an emergency revetment project on Iowa 2 over Horse Creek.

Iowa 333 (from I-29 east one mile into Hamburg)

- Work is continuing on the bridge approach paving, earthwork and guardrail.
- The Iowa DOT is coordinating its work with the BNSF Railway Co. so that the railroad's new crossing signals are in place when the road is ready to open.
- The goal remains to restore traffic on this roadway in November.

Iowa 175 (milepost 0-1, includes the Decatur bridge)

- Work on this project began Oct. 8 and the road/bridge reopened to traffic Nov. 2.
- Other work associated with this project, including construction of a weir and dike, will be performed while the roadway is open to traffic. Construction of the dike started late last week.
- The entire project is scheduled for completion yet this calendar year, weather permitting.

Temporary traffic control devices

On Nov. 7, the Iowa DOT will be removing temporary traffic control devices installed in Tabor on U.S. 275 and near Shenandoah on U.S. 59. These devices are no longer needed now that traffic on I-29 has been restored and there is less traffic using these alternative routes. For additional details, see:

<http://www.news.iowadot.gov/newsandinfo/2011/10/iowa-dot-to-remove-temporary-traffic-control-devices-in-mills-and-fremont-counties.html>.

Emergency bid lettings

Emergency contract bid lettings will be held at 11 a.m. each Wednesday, as needed or otherwise scheduled. Projects will be posted by noon the prior Friday. Contractors are encouraged to view the list each week and contact the Iowa DOT's Office of Contracts at 515-239-1414 to obtain proposals and plans. Go to [Bid Express](#) for complete details.

An emergency bid letting is scheduled for Nov. 9. Visit <http://www.iowadot.gov/contracts/lettings.html> for complete details, including estimating proposals and plans. Two projects are included in the letting.

- Bid order 301 - This project involves stream embankment repair at the existing bridges on Iowa 2 over Horse Creek, located 1 mile west of I-29 in Fremont County.
- Bid order 302 – This project involves berm stabilization around the existing bridges on I-29 at Main Ditch #6, located 0.4 mile south of Iowa 333 in Fremont County.